

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 7, please delete the second paragraph and substitute the following paragraph therefor:

--In response to activation of the sensor 22, the controller 10 controls the radio transceiver 12 of the mobile telephone 2 communicating in the cellular communications network to send a disabling SMS message to the cellular communications network which will substantially prevent the telephone 2 being used as a normal telephone. The message may be sent immediately, or when the phone is next activated. The phone may self-activate in response to activation of the sensor. The message sent to the network may include the International mobile subscriber identity (IMSI) stored in the SIM 6 and the International mobile equipment identity (IMEI) stored in the handset 2. The IMSI uniquely identifies the user in the network and the IMEI uniquely identifies the handset. Alternatively, if the telephone is already participating in the network and has a temporary mobile subscriber identity (TMSI), the message may include the TMSI. The network is therefore capable, having received the message, of uniquely identifying the handset 4 and the SIM card 6 either directly from the IMEI and IMSI or indirectly via the TMSI. The network is then able to change the restriction class in the HLR 48 for that IMSI and is capable of registering the handset having that IMEI as stolen in the EIR 40. Thus the handset will not be capable of being used, except possibly to make emergency calls to 911/999 or calls to the network operator call centre and the SIM card will not be capable of being used in another telephone. Preferably, the disabled telephone can be re-enabled by the network operator, after receiving a password during a call, possibly placed using the partially disabled telephone, to the network operator call centre.--